

THE MYSTIC LINKS.



The 88th Anniversary of Odd-Fellowship Fittingly Observed by the Order of Holt County, at Mound City.

Friday last, April 26th was a red letter among Holt County Odd Fellows at Mound City. In 1819, in the city of Baltimore, Thomas Wildey, an humble blacksmith, together with five other companions organized the first lodge of Odd Fellows. In England, his native country, he had been identified with a similar organization known as the Manchester Union, and on coming to this country began his efforts to organize a lodge, and succeeded, and on the 26th of April, 1819, the first lodge was organized, and from this beginning the order has grown in these 88 years from a membership of five to that of nearly one and a half million. The purpose of the coming together of the members of the order at Mound City on Friday last was for this purpose.

The order of the county have what is known as a county association, which was first organized in Oregon in the winter of 1904, and the first observance of the anniversary of the order was celebrated in Oregon, in 1905; in 1906 at Craig, and this year, 1907, at Mound City, and as the years comes, these anniversaries seem to grow in interest, and the occasion this year was more largely attended than any of the previous ones—fully 800 Odd Fellows being in attendance—not only did they come from every nook and corner of our own county, but splendid delegations came from Atchison county, Fairfax, Tarkio and Rockport; from Skidmore and Graham and White Cloud, Kas.

Though the crowd was an unprecedented one, the members of Mound City lodge proved equal to the occasion, and fully met every demand made upon them by so large a crowd—they were busy, all the time, and Noble Grand Munn and his aids, assisted by the Rebekas of Mound City, proved equal to the occasion on every hand.

The day was an ideal one, and on the meeting of Mound City lodge this week, Milton Heron introduced a resolution of thanks to the whimsical weather clerk who has been getting so badly mixed up on the weather subject of late, by giving us a November season, in April, thanking this important personage for getting right on Friday, and giving the order an ideal day for their celebration.

The members of the lodge set their business cares to one side, and devoted their time to the cordial hospitable, fraternal greetings and welcome to those who came within their gates, and each visitor was given a key to the city's freedom, which was readily accepted and they turned themselves loose in our enterprising sister city. The members of the order began arriving early in the forenoon, coming by the early Vilsa and Omaha trains, and many in their private conveyances, and by noon there was a sufficient crowd in the town to make a first class celebration. In the afternoon Oregon, Forest City, Fairfax and Rockport lodge delegations arrived by special train, bringing fully 350 members of the order. This special was arranged through Craig lodge with the division passenger agent Mr. J. D. Baker, of the Burlington route, at St. Joseph, who gave the train his personal attention and did all in his power to fill the demands of the patrons, which was accomplished in its fullness. Mr. Baker was found a most cordial, companionable gentleman, fully alive to his duties, and with an ever jealous eye watching the interests of his company.

The program of the day's exercises began shortly after the noon hour and were held in the capacious Christian church. The opening ode of the order was sung with a zest by the lodge members and the invocation was offered by the pastor, Rev. G. V. Allison. Pleasing musical numbers were rendered by Miss Ida Marshall. The address of welcome was delivered by Prof. Guinn, of the High school, and was spoken of as a fine, scholarly effort.

Friendship, love and truth, the Three Links of Odd Fellowship, were likened to the spirit which animated the Good Samaritan in the address given by the Hon. Perry Schooner, of Spickard, Mo., who was the orator of the occasion. The orator had only spoken a few minutes when it was clearly discernable that the large audience, that packed this large church to its very extreme capacity, was in sympathy with him, and that he "had them" tight; close to him; for they sat throughout his long and able address, seemingly without growing weary in the least. His mission he said was not a new one, but it is a story that never grows old—the story of humanity, of fraternity. He did not claim for the order he was representing as being the only society in the world that is blessing and aiding humanity, and he had extreme pity for the man or woman who was so narrow in their views as to believe there should be but one society—or that their society was the only one.

So far as he was concerned, it mattered little whether the order had its birth in the year 500 B. C., or in 1540 or 1819; the one fact remained, that as an organized body we were here; and were travel-

ing under the banner of Friendship Love and Truth.

He was master of his subject and handled it in such a clear, well arranged, systematic alignment, as to be free from tiresomeness. He closed by urging the brethren of the order to let the beautiful lessons of Odd Fellowship permeate their being, and cause them to live such a life as will enable them to be ready at any moment the messenger might call for them. If all would fashion their lives after the teachings of this great order, and add to them the deeper principles of religion, there would be no fear and trembling when the gates open to lead across the dark wild.

With the closing of these exercises the order formed into procession and after a short parade returned to the lodge room, where cordial, fraternal greetings were in order, and at 5 o'clock they were led into the large, spacious double vacant store room of the Andes building, immediately on the ground floor under the lodge room, and here the inner man was cared for by the Rebekas. The tables were supplied most bountifully with the good things to eat, and handsomely decorated with carnations and emblematical napkins. In the far west corner, a special table was arranged for the toast master, D. W. Porter, and about him at this table were seated the noble grand, C. E. Munn, Hon. Perry Schooner, Prof. A. G. Guinn, Rev. J. Walton and Hardman, Hon. E. J. Kellogg and D. P. Dobyns. Thanks were returned by Rev. Walton, and things began to move and disappear.

On finishing the first courses, Toast Master Porter called to order, and announced the following toasts, which were responded to by the following:

Odd-Fellowship: Its teachings—the Fatherhood of God; the Brotherhood of Man; Response by Elder Hardman, of Forest City lodge.

Woman in Odd Fellowship—Her help never lags, her love for the truth and loyalty in friendships know no bounds. Response by Rev. Walton, of Kentucky jurisdiction.

Good citizenship is the key to the door of Odd-Fellowship. Obedience to its teachings bring to your community the idealism in true manhood. Response by Hon. E. J. Kellogg, of Craig lodge.

Organization is essential to success—hence the success of the Holt County Odd Fellows Association. Response by D. P. Dobyns.

The eating part of the day's program was continued until the Rebekas of Mound City had fully satisfied the ravenous appetites of 800 or more Odd Fellows—What in the wide world would this local lodge have done, had there not been a Rebecca lodge in existence at Mound City. To them must be given the honor for making this part of the exercises such a pronounced success—and the feasting part is always the essential part. As the members left the banquet hall, he had a box of cigars showed him and with that familiar call "take one," they passed out to enjoy their smoke, and pass compliments upon the Rebekas and Holt lodge.

The evening and well beyond the midnight hour, was taken up by degree work, and we opine that the large and spacious lodge room was never before so full of members—packed to its limit allowing space for degree work. The initiatory degree was conferred by Craig lodge; the First, by Forest City; the Second by Mound City and the Third by Oregon. The beautiful Biblical lessons taught in these degrees, were dramatically illustrated in their entirety by the various degree corps, and we doubt if these corps have any superiors in any rural section or county of our state. This work was finished at 12:30 and the Rebekas took charge and kept feeding their guests until 2 a. m., when the locomotive of the special sounded its call, and they departed, "chuck full" of good things to eat; good cheer, and overflowing in their praise of the splendid reception extended them by Holt lodge of Odd Fellows, of Mound City.

Next year, the 1908 meeting will be in the hands of New Point lodge.

During the session the association elected the following officers for next year: Dr. J. C. Whittell, president; Jas. C. Morris, vice-president; E. E. Davis, secretary, and Jacob Oren, treasurer, all of New Point lodge, which lodge will have charge of the next annual meeting. Mound City's business houses were gaily decorated with flags and bunting and emblematical designs, the mystic colors, White, Pink, Blue and Scarlet, predominating.

The Mound City band met all incoming trains and escorted the visiting delegations to headquarters, to the church and the parade.

Noble Grand Munn presided with dignity and ability throughout the entire day's program, and his selection as president a year ago proved a wise one.

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Taken Away.

Barnetta E. Gibson was born Jan. 23, 1871, and died April 25, 1907, aged 36 years, 3 months and 3 days. She joined the Christian church about 12 years ago, and has lived a consistent Christian life up to the time of her death. She leaves a husband and three little boys, aged seven, five and three years; two brothers and one sister. W. R. Walker, of Wathens, Kas; Asa G. Walker, of Monterey, Tenn.; Lurana F. Vandever, of Forbes, Mo., and a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The entire community extends their heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement. The funeral was conducted at the home of deceased and the remains laid to rest in the Forbes cemetery, beside the little babe that died one week before its mother. The sad condition of these deaths calls on the people of the community for their generosity, which they very generously bestowed. Elder W. H. Hardman conducted the services.

Death of Silas M. Glass.

Silas M. Glass was born Sept. 28, 1838, in Mechanicsburg, Va. He was married Oct. 13, 1857 to Miss Amanda L. Brooks, of Lee county, Va., and on July 17, 1860, they moved to Michigan town, Indiana. In July 1869, they left Clinton county, Indiana, for the west, locating in Forest City, Mo., where they resided till his death, April 27th, 1907, being 67 years, 6 months and 29 days old. During the civil war he enlisted in Company D, 15th Indiana Infantry.

He leaves a faithful wife and four children, Mrs. Mary E. Hill, of Bigelow, Mrs. Martha A. Wood, of Forest City, Mrs. P. J. Nibbe, of Crab Orchard, Neb., and J. D. Glass, of Forest City, and several grand children to mourn his loss.

Funeral services were held from the family home Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. P. Godbey; interment in the Forest City cemetery.

They Are Over.

The closing exercises of a very pleasant and profitable term of school, was held at the Lincoln school house, on Friday, April 26, 1907, by the teacher Miss Mattie Jackson.

The pupils with the aid of their parents planned a very pleasant surprise for their teacher in the way of a fine dinner. There was great credit to be reflected upon the pupils in the closeness with which their secret was kept and the same upon the parents in the preparation of that which formed the dinner.

About two o'clock everything was in readiness for the carrying out of the program, which consisted of exercises by the little folks together with a few good dialogues by the oldest pupils.

After the program which belonged to the children was completed, they enjoyed listening to a few remarks by their former teacher, Miss Cora Noelsch. They were also favored by good and helpful talks from Messrs King, Kuhn and Peters.

Arby Snapp, Minnie Kramer and Cora Cunningham were perfect in attendance and punctuality during the eight months and were each presented with a copy of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

After the teacher had expressed her high appreciation of the kindness shown her by both the pupils and patrons of the district the audience was dismissed, each feeling that they had been well paid for any effort put forth by them to make the occasion enjoyable.

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Forest City.

—T. E. Teare was in St. Joseph Wednesday.

—Miss Mary Knoll spent several days in St. Joseph last week.

—Mrs. Efrer was in St. Joseph Monday, purchasing millinery goods.

—Forest was visited by the heaviest rainfall of the season, Saturday evening.

—Miss Carrie Crawford, of St. Joseph, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

—There will be preaching at the Baptist church Sunday, morning and evening.

—Ivan Chambers and Mr. Patterson of Mound City, were in the city Sunday evening.

—Mrs. Barney Stalcup, of Forbes, visited Mr. and Mrs. Cad. Baker, one day last week.

—Messrs Gould and Crider, of the Lincoln neighborhood, were in the city Sunday evening.

—Mrs. Odilla Secrist, and Mrs. Samuel Secrist, visited relatives in Oregon, a couple of days last week.

—Paul Acton left Saturday evening for Skidmore, where he will spend the summer on the farm with his uncle, Henry Clay.

—Forest City will soon have a new paper again, and will occupy the room recently vacated by Will Burnett as a lunch room.

—Miss Catharine Smith, of the Kimsey district, is spending this week in the Shiloh neighborhood, visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Loucks.

—Married, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Nancy Guyer, Charles Worley and Miss Zella Guyer, at 6:30 o'clock, Monday evening April 29th, 1907, Rev. H. L. Acton, officiating. May they live long and be happy is the wish of their friends. RUTH.

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas Michael K. Manning, a single man, by his certain deed of trust, dated September 28th, 1895, and filed for record October 2nd, 1905, and recorded in book 101, at page 423, in the office of the recorder of deeds, within and for Holt County, state of Missouri, conveyed to the undersigned C. L. Buls, in trust, to secure the payment of a promissory note therein described, and the interest thereon, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the County of Holt and State of Missouri, to-wit: North one-half (1/2) of the southwest quarter (1/4) of section thirty (30), township sixty-two (62), of range thirty-nine (39). And whereas default has been made in the payment of said note. Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in pursuance of the provisions of said deed of trust and the authority vested in me thereby, I will on

WEDNESDAY, June 5th, 1907, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. of that day, at the north front door of the court house, in the City of Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the above described real estate for the purposes of said trust.

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—Sealed bids will be received until May 15th for amusement, restaurant, refreshment and confectionary privileges at the Oregon Chautauqua which will be held June 30 to July 7th. Address bids to A. R. Coburn, manager, Oregon, Mo.

—Saturday, April 27, 1907, is a date that Will Feuerbacher will remember for the rest of natural life, anyway. The deluge of rain washed out his corn, the hail beat down his garden, and the snow and cold freeze that followed finished up his prospect for fruit, but in the midst of it all Mrs. Feuerbacher presented him with another daughter worth \$10,000, at least, and Dr. Evans tells us that he believes, under the circumstances, Will would not have cared if the whole farm had washed away.

—Rev. Hodshire, of Maitland, was visiting at the home of Rev. Eneyart, this week.